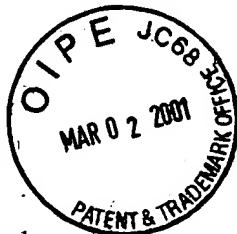


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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 within the time specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2).

A certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is included herein so that Applicants submit that no fee is believed due. Should any fee be deemed due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Attached are copies of 6 documents which were cited in the enclosed Search Report which issued for the counterpart Application in Europe where the relevance of the documents is shown.

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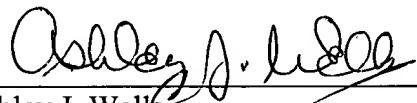
The Search Report is dated December 30, 2000. Accordingly, it is certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign Application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the above, the requirements set forth in section (a)(3) of the Commissioner's Notice of April 20th, 1992, 1338 OG 37-41 (May 19th, 1992), have been complied with.

A PTO-1449 Form listing the six documents is attached.

As all requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents and make them of record.

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